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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2014-C-09 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: February 13, 2014

Date of Death: February 13, 2014

Operator: Five Star Mining, Inc.

Mine: Prosperity Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 51 year old shuttle car operator, received a load of coal from the continuous mining machine and trammed his shuttle car to the feeder to empty the load. He was found slumped over and unresponsive in the cab of the shuttle car. Co-workers began CPR and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural. Both the death certificate and the autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was coronary artery atherosclerosis. The autopsy found a 98% blockage of two coronary arteries. MSHA's investigation did not identify any environmental or physical hazards that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate, the autopsy report and the MSHA Investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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